

By Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to boating safety; amending s.
3 327.395, F.S.; providing for agents of the Fish and
4 Wildlife Conservation Commission to issue boater
5 safety identification cards that must be similar in
6 appearance to cards issued by the commission;
7 providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 327.395,
12 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 327.395 Boating safety identification cards.—

14 (1) A person born on or after January 1, 1988, may not
15 operate a vessel powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or greater
16 unless such person has in his or her possession aboard the
17 vessel photographic identification and a boater safety
18 identification card issued by the commission or its agent, as
19 described in subsection (4), which shows that he or she has:

20 (a) Completed a commission-approved boater education course
21 that meets the minimum 8-hour instruction requirement
22 established by the National Association of State Boating Law
23 Administrators;

24 (b) Passed a course equivalency examination approved by the
25 commission; or

26 (c) Passed a temporary certificate examination developed or
27 approved by the commission.

28 (4) The commission may appoint liveries, marinas, or other
29 persons as its agents to administer the course, course

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30 equivalency examination, or temporary certificate examination
31 and issue identification cards under guidelines established by
32 the commission. An agent may issue commission-approved
33 identification cards that must be similar in appearance to the
34 cards issued by the commission. An agent must charge the \$2
35 examination fee, which must be forwarded to the commission with
36 proof of passage of the examination and may charge and keep a \$1
37 service fee.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.